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Preliminary Amendment

#### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Consideration of this application as amended is requested.

Claims 7, 12, and 15 are amended. Claims 8, 9 and 10 are not amended. Claims 1-6, 11, 13, 14 and 16 are canceled. Claims 17-21 are added.

Basis for the amendment of claim 7 may be found in the specification in sections [0006], [0028], [0040], [0041], and in Figs. 2, 4, 7, 9, 12 and 13.

Basis for the amendment of claim 12 may be found in the specification in sections [0028], [0040], [0041], and in Figs. 2, 4, 7, 9, 12 and 13.

Basis for the amendment of claim 15 may be found in the specification in section [0028], and in Figs. 3-5.

Basis for claim 17 may be found in the specification in section [0040] and in Figs. 4, 12 and 13.

Basis for claim 18 may be found in the specification in sections [0009], [0028], [0040], [0041], and in Figs. 2, 4, 7, 9, 12 and 13.

Basis for claim 19 may be found in the specification in section [0009], and in Fig. 13.

Basis for claim 20 may be found in the specification in section [0040], and in Figs. 4, 12, and 13.

Basis for claim 21 may be found in the specification in sections [0040], [0009], and in Figs. 4, 12, and 13.

The above amendments were made in view of art cited by the Applicant and Examiner, and reasons for rejections in 11/4/02 and 4/30/03 Office Actions on patent application serial number 10/004,198 filed 11/01/2001 and subsequent responsive amendments, by Examiner Stephen J. Castellano in art unit 3727. Applicant believes that the claims as amended overcome the rejections and will be patentable over the art.

Consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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